



# Most Taxing Times

*"Read About Taxpayers with IRS Problems & Find Out How to Solve Them"*



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## Just When You Thought You Were Safe, It Gets Worse

Starting in 2017 the IRS has employed four collection companies to pursue the amounts the IRS claims you owe them.

While all of the detail is not yet clear it is supposed to start by the end of the first quarter of 2017 (90 days from now) and is to target some of the older debts the IRS claim as outstanding. These are the claims approaching the expiration of the 10 year term of collectability.

It is not clear what information these collection agencies may have or even what authority they may have but it would seem from what is available now that the best response to their calls would be that you have a **POWER ATTORNEY ON FILE** with the IRS and they should contact that Enrolled Agent, CPA, or Attorney.

They do not have IRS Powers and you do not have to talk to them unless to want to and I am sure your professional advisors would advise against it.

These will not be calls to offer you a settlement, they will be calls to collect a debt.

This issue is sure to evolve over the next few months, so be prepared.

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"I sympathize with your wife having multiple personality disorder but you can't claim each one as a dependent."

## IRS New For 2017

1. **Your Driver's License** – Your tax professional and even the software providers will ask you for your driver's license information that the IRS and many states are requiring to accept your 2016 returns electronically.
2. **Business Returns Information** – The W-2's NDS 1099'S (most types) are now due to be filed by January 31, 2017, a month earlier than in the past. This is part of their effort to combat the IRS Identity Fraud in 2017.
3. **Earned Income Credit and Additional Child Credit** – Both will require additional information to be input into the return for the same reason. The IRS has also announced that refunds containing there two credit will probably be delay until at least the latter part of February 2017.

## **How to Protect Yourself From Tax-Identity Theft**

Taking the steps below will help protect you from becoming a victim of tax related identity theft. In 2015, the Federal Trade Commission reported a 50% increase in identity theft; the vast majority of the increase involved tax refund fraud. On average, the IRS resolution time for people who are affected by this type of fraud is 278 days.

-The most common method of tax identity theft is using your social security number along with a fake W-2. The IRS processes claims in the order received, so the best protection is to make sure you file your return as early as possible.

-Be aware that using a public wi-fi is really public. Do not go to any of your personal accounts, such as online banking.

-Be careful with private documents. Your credit card statements, bank receipts, or copies of your tax returns should be shredded, not thrown in the trash.

-If you love to play online games, be careful if they ask you for personal information, such as your mother's maiden name or the street you grew up on. Often times these are your security questions and can be used to obtain your passwords.

-Do not give any one, at any time any personal information over the phone. The IRS will never call you; they still use snail mail.

-Do not carry your social security with you.

## **It's No Laughing Matter for the Owners of All About Smiles, LLC**

Husband and wife Pamela Van Drie and Lorin Van Drie, of Marshfield, MO were indicted on numerous fraud charges as well as conspiracy to defraud the government by failing to pay the IRS payroll taxes from 2013 to 2015.

The Van Drie's were owners of a dental service company, All About Smiles LLC and the PL Family Management Co, which managed the staff at their dental clinics. Although payroll taxes were taken out of their employees check, the Van Dries failed to pay those taxes, amounting to over \$195,000 to the IRS.

The Van Dries diverting the payroll funds to their personal accounts, used the money instead to purchase a boat, an RV, multiple vehicles (including a Hummer and Mercedes), diamonds, expenses for their two homes and family vacations, and a pulling truck called "Momma's Money", which their son used in pulling competitions throughout Missouri.

A trial date is pending.

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## **Home Health Care Co. Owner is Sick over Indictment**

Las Vegas resident Maria Larkin, who owned and operated Five Star Home Health Care Inc. was indicted for attempted tax evasion.

From 2004 to 2009, Larkin failed to pay the Income, Medicare and Social Security taxes that were to be withheld from employee's wages, otherwise known as the "trust fund tax". If an employer doesn't have a payroll service deduct and pay the taxes, then the employer holds these funds in trust until the amounts are paid over to the Internal Revenue Service. Instead, Larkin transferred those funds to personal funds and assets.

The indictment alleges that she purchased a home in the name of a nominee, engaged in currency transactions with banks in amounts less than \$10,000 to avoid currency transaction reports, changed the name of her business and placed the business in the name of a nominee and provided false information to the IRS regarding her ability to pay the trust fund recovery penalties.

If and convicted, Larkin faces a maximum of five years in prison, restitution monetary penalties.

## Know Your Rights!

### THE 10 COMMANDMENTS OF THE IRS

The idea that the IRS has a list of 10 Commandments (*taxpayer rights*) might seem like an oxymoron, but the fact is they do, and here they are:

1. The Right to be Informed
2. The Right to Quality Service
3. The Right to Pay No More than the Correct Amount of Tax
4. The Right to Challenge the IRS's Position and Be Heard
5. The Right to Appeal an IRS Decision in an Independent Forum
6. The Right to Finality
7. The Right to Privacy
8. The Right to Confidentially
9. The Right to Retain Representation
10. The Right to a Fair and Just Tax System

We here at EXPEDITED TAX RELIEF will make sure all your rights are protected!

## The US Busts a Huge Fraud Ring

After a three-year investigation, the Department of Justice arrested 56 people in the US, and five call centers in India, accused of running a phony IRS phone call scheme.

The case involves over 15,000 victims and more than \$300 million in stolen money.

Starting in 2013, the scammers initially used the "Grandma scam", calling or emailing a senior citizen pretending to be a grandchild that needs money to get out of jail.

The scheme soon became an IRS scam. Victims were called and told that unless they paid money immediately, they would be arrested, face deportation or have their driver's license suspended. Sometimes they even had the victim's last four digits of their Social Security number.

They would direct their victims to either wire money or go to a store and load cash onto a prepaid debit card, and then the US based co-conspirators would liquidate or launder the funds using fake names and phony IDs.

The largest payout to the scammers was a Hayward, CA man who lost over \$136,000.

## ABOUT THE OFFER IN COMPROMISE

*Did you know it's possible to settle your debt with the IRS for less than the IRS says you owe?*

If you owe a substantial amount in back taxes to the government, you may be eligible to participate on the Offer in Compromise program. This program allows you to make an offer to the IRS that could settle your tax debt for significantly less than you owe.

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### **. Check Cashing Business Owner Sentenced to Prison**

Jose Boyzo, of Myrtle Beach, SC was sentenced to 18 months in prison and ordered to pay \$1.6 million in restitution to the IRS for tax fraud.

Boyzo owned a licensed check cashing business; from 2009 to 2014, he cashed more than 4,305 tax refund checks. Unfortunately, those refund checks were generated from fraudulent tax returns and it was proven in court that Boyzo was aware of they were fraudulently generated.

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### **I'd Like to Hear From You!**

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## **ARE YOUR TAX PROBLEMS KEEPING YOU AWAKE AT NIGHT? ARE THE TAX PROBLEMS AFFECTING YOUR PERSONAL LIFE?**

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### **Your IRS Questions Answered Here...**

**Question:** *I just received a letter from the IRS informing me they want to audit my 2014 income tax return. I really didn't need this right now. What should I do?*

**Answer:** First, take a deep breath knowing there is expert help available to you. As part of the IRS's audit process they'll ask you dozens of very innocent sounding questions, however many of these can be invasive as well as intrusive. The answers to which can "seal" your fate with the IRS auditor. But there is a "right way" to answers these questions. The IRS's mission is to determine the accuracy of your tax return and they will leave no stone unturned to accomplish this. We have found that many taxpayers who decide to handle an IRS audit themselves wind up with a substantial bill owing the IRS thousands of dollars. Auditors are trained to obtain information from you that in a lot of cases is not required under the law. They get away with this because most people fear them and don't know their rights.

Our clients generally NEVER meet or speak with the IRS. We handle everything for you so you don't have to take time away from your job or business to deal with all of the IRS's paperwork. Simply forward your audit letter to us and we'll handle the rest. Don't let them walk all over you. We know the law. We know your rights. We can help!

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